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Agriculture and land preservation forum in Lapeer County

Who: Sen. Jud Gilbert, R-Algonac; Rep. John Stahl, R-North Branch; representatives from

Lapeer County and Michigan Farm Bureau; the U.S.D.A. Rural Development Office;

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the Michigan Department of Agriculture; and local land use leaders

What: Public meeting in Lapeer County to discuss agriculture and land preservation in the

county and around the state.

When: Friday, June 10

9 a.m. to 11 a.m.

Where: Lapeer County Annex Building

287 W. Nepessing Street, Lapeer

Briefing: Discussion will focus on what the Legislature is doing to promote Michigan's

agricultural economy and preserve farm communities in Lapeer County and throughout the state. Agriculture and land preservation experts will be making presentations on these topics. Public testimony from county residents also will be

taken on ways to keep farming and Michigan's rural areas strong.

For information about the hearing contact Sen. Gilbert at 1-877-GILBERT or

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